

## VERDE PEOPLE SEEKING MINES

Coming of Peace Sees No Letup In Vigorous Effort To Find Ore.

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## WM. S. HART, ELLANAY TODAY

Appears In Full Dress In New Play, "Branding Broadway," Comedy.

Big Bill Hart is at the Ellanay today, tomorrow and Thursday in the most novel play he has yet had, "Branding Broadway." In this picture Hart invades the city of New York, bumps into the Broadway business and shows the big city boys what a real man is like.

"Branding Broadway" is both thrilling and screaming comedy. In this picture the laughs come thick and fast and the thrills are right on the heels of the laughs.

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## Take Fight On Irrigation Law To High Court

Texas Attorney General Elect To Appeal From El Paso Court Verdict.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 24.—It is announced that attorney general elect C. M. Culbertson will appeal to the Texas supreme court the decision in which the eighth court of civil appeals at El Paso decided that certain sections of the state irrigation law are unconstitutional. The proceeding is one to determine the relative rights of all claimants to the use of water from the Pecos river and its tributaries.

The members of the board of water engineers were at Gay City conducting a similar proceeding in reference to water rights on the Colorado river when the decision was handed down by the court in El Paso. There was no hall in the proceedings on account of the decision.

The court of civil appeals for the first district at Galveston has had the statute law for consideration and the jurisdiction of the board of water engineers was maintained.

While the instruction did not go to the Galveston court an exactly the same contention as that presented to the El Paso court, it reached that court in such a way that the Galveston court of civil appeals held that original jurisdiction of the board of water engineers was maintained.

## THREE INJURED IN CAR CRASH

Trolley Runs Wild Down Hill at Piedras Street and Fails To Take Curve.

In a street car accident on the Highland Park line at the curve of Piedras and New Orleans streets, which was caused by the motorman's inability to stop the car when his air brake apparatus became short circuited, several persons were injured Saturday morning, according to reports received Tuesday morning. The accident was not known until Tuesday morning because it was not reported to the police, nor was any hospital notified.

Three injured. The three persons injured most severely were J. O. Crowson, of 3015 Louisville street; J. L. Harmon, of the Mine & Smelter Supply Co., and a woman whose name was not given. The 13 passengers in the car were thrown in a heap. Mr. Crowson fell to his waist through the floor as one of the trap doors was thrown open from the far, and was saved from being all the way through by his quickness of wit to grab hold of one of the iron bars, according to one of the witnesses. He has been unable to work since the accident, his leg being badly bruised.

The trouble was started by a trolley wire breaking in front of the car, which left the top of the hill at Piedras street. As the car passed over the wire it short circuited the apparatus, preventing the air brakes from being applied, and allowing the car to speed down the hill at a rate of 30 miles an hour, it was said by J. O. Crowson.

Motorman holds post. Motorman Patterson kept to his post bravely despite the fact that a derailment was inevitable. As the car raked to the curve it jumped the rails and passed off about 100 feet down Piedras street. That the car was not overturned, as was said by witnesses to be nothing short of a miracle, though much credit is due to the motorman Patterson, for checking the speed of the car slightly, just before reaching the curve, by exerting every possible effort with the hand brake.

More than 25,000 women are employed by the railroad in the United States.

## Webb Criticises Refusal To Have Densmore Heard

Grand Jury Will Continue Probe Of Conduct In Coast Bomb Cases.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—Attorney general H. C. Webb, whom Gov. Stephens placed in charge of the county grand jury's investigation into charges recently made by John B. Densmore, director general of federal employment, involving the district attorney's conduct of the preparation day bomb explosion cases, expressed his disapproval today of secretary of labor W. B. Wilson's refusal to permit Densmore and other federal employees to testify at the hearings.

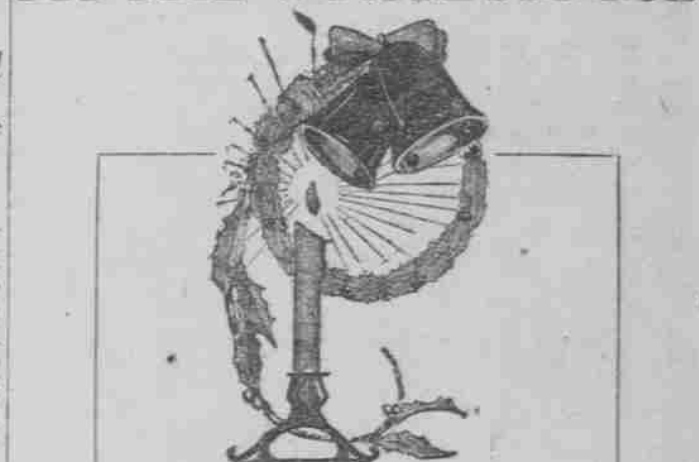
Wilson Declines Request. Densmore's report dealt largely with the cases of Thomas Mooney, now serving life imprisonment, and Mrs. Irena Mooney, his wife, both of whom were indicted for murder growing out of the bomb explosion. Attorney general Webb said he "greeted" with some surprise and "regret" the decision of secretary Wilson, made public here yesterday, to decline the request that Densmore appear before the grand jury to explain and amplify the charges contained in his report.

Says Report Inadmissible. "The so-called Densmore report," said a statement issued by Webb, "is not of itself evidence, and is not admissible in court or elsewhere, nor is the material which the report states was taken from the wire by means of sound detecting devices."

Wilson's Reasons. Secretary Wilson declined to permit Densmore to appear as a witness because of an apparent connection between the district attorney's office and the grand jury, and the conclusion of the department of justice that it would not be compatible with the public interest to make public, at the present time, the manner in which the United States government procured the information for the information of the federal officer and his aides.

The grand jury will continue its investigation, however, it was announced, despite the absence of the federal officer and his aides.

## AT THE WHITE HOUSE



A Very Merry CHRISTMAS To All THIS STORE WILL BE CLOSED Wednesday THE WHITE HOUSE "The Store of Service."

AMBRASADOR SHARPE TO OHIO BROTHERS BEDSIDE Paris, France, Dec. 24.—William G. Sharpe, American ambassador to France called upon president Wilson last evening to bid good night to him. He had been unexpectedly called to America by the severe illness of a brother. He left last night, going to Boston, where he will call for New York on a transport. Robert Wood, Illinois, counselor of the embassy, will be in charge of affairs during his absence.

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